

# Senate File 537 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of administrative services to  
2 convert state-owned vehicles under the department's control to  
3 alternative fuel vehicles.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1730SV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 8A.362, subsection 5, unnumbered  
1 2 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 ~~Of By July 1, 2011, all new state-owned passenger vehicles~~  
1 4 ~~and light pickup trucks purchased by under the control of the~~  
1 5 ~~director, a minimum of ten percent of all such vehicles and~~  
1 6 ~~trucks purchased shall be equipped with engines which utilize~~  
1 7 ~~alternative methods of propulsion including, if such vehicles~~  
1 8 ~~and engines are available for purchase. For purposes of this~~  
1 9 ~~subsection, alternative methods of propulsion include but are~~  
1 10 ~~not limited to any of the following:~~  
1 11 Sec. 2. Section 8A.362, subsection 5, paragraphs b and c,  
1 12 Code 2007, are amended by striking the paragraphs.  
1 13 Sec. 3. Section 8A.362, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code  
1 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 15 e. Electricity, or a combination of electric and  
1 16 petroleum-based fuel technology.  
1 17 Sec. 4. Section 8A.362, subsection 5, Code 2007, is  
1 18 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
1 19 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. By February 1 of each year, the  
1 20 director shall provide a list of the types of passenger  
1 21 vehicles and light pick-up trucks purchased by the state for  
1 22 which engines which utilize alternative methods of propulsion  
1 23 are not available for purchase by the state, the number of  
1 24 such vehicles currently in the state fleet, and the  
1 25 justification for continuing to purchase such vehicles, if a  
1 26 purchase is to be made.

## EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill provides that all state-owned passenger vehicles  
1 28 and light pickup trucks under the control of the director of  
1 29 the department of administrative services shall have engines  
1 30 which utilize alternative fuels by July 1, 2011, if such  
1 31 vehicles and engines are available. The bill provides that  
1 32 vehicles that utilize a combination of electric and  
1 33 petroleum-based fuel technology qualify as a vehicle that uses  
1 34 an alternative method of propulsion. The bill also requires  
2 1 the director to provide a list, by February 1 of each year, of  
2 2 the types of vehicles which do not utilize alternative methods  
2 3 of propulsion and the number of those vehicles in the state  
2 4 fleet. Under current law, the director is required to  
2 5 purchase at least 10 percent of new vehicles and light pickup  
2 6 trucks with engines that utilize alternative fuels. The  
2 7 current exception from this requirement for vehicles and  
2 8 trucks purchased and used for law enforcement or for off-road  
2 9 maintenance work or to pull loaded trailers is unchanged by  
2 10 the bill.  
2 11 LSB 1730SV 82  
2 12 ec:nh/gg/14.1